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Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:17 AM
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Subject: FW: Thank you for your comments on the Navy's DEIS

The fourth similar note received over the weekend.

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From: (b) (6)]
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 9:48 PM
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Subject: Thank you for your comments on the Navy's DEIS

Dear Mr. Allnutt,

We thank you for the detailed analysis and recommendations you sent to Ms. Lisa Padgett, EA-18G Growler EIS Project Manager, concerning the Navy's proposal to add 35 or 36 EA-18G Growlers at NASWI complex. As long time residents of Lopez Island in the San Juan Islands, we have been severely impacted by the noise of the Growler's field carrier landing practices at Ault Field, and we appreciate your stating that the DEIS does not contain sufficient information to fully assess the environmental impacts that should be avoided to fully protect our Salish Sea environment and our communities.

We applaud your recommendation to establish an on-the-ground monitoring program to measure actual noise impacts. Since the introduction of the Growler in 2009, we have endured 65 - 95 db readings (C scale measurement) inside our home for extended periods of time, often from early morning until after midnight. We have also experienced the "startle effect" from the huge noise created by the Growler's afterburners during take-off, as well as "vibration sickness" and other health related issues from the thunderous roar.

We are very grateful for your taking an active role in bringing attention to this vital issue that affects our entire Salish Sea region.

With gratitude,
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